

Many forms of discrimination are less drastic, but no less unfair. For example, clothing in large sizes is either unavailable or priced far higher than the amount of extra material would justify. Insurance costs may be higher even if the policy holder has ~~not~~ no health problem whatsoever. Seating in public places, such as theaters, is often too small to accommodate large people.

The rest of society is encouraged to discriminate against fat people by the media. Advertising tends to show thin people almost exclusively, and obesity is the subject of considerable derogatory humor. These practices perpetuate the second-class status to which fat people have recently been relegated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That all Marylanders are urged to work toward ending all unjust discriminatory practices against fat people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Commission on Human Relations is requested to study weight and size discrimination and to formulate report to the General Assembly by January 1, 1980 on legislative and administrative proposals which are appropriate to the alleviation of such discrimination; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mr. ~~Jacob J. Edelman~~ James C. Fletcher, Jr., Chairman of the Commission on Human Relations, Metro Plaza at Mondawmin Mall, Suite 300, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and to the National Association to Aid Fat Americans, Inc., P.O. Box 43, Bellerose, New York 11426.

Signed May 1, 1979.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 77)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Alternative Level Budget Submissions

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to submit with the FY 1981 budget bill a detailed list from each agency of the programs, positions, and costs which it would elect to cut or increase if its budget were reduced by 5 percent or increased by 5 percent; requesting that this list be accompanied by a plan for retention of any State employees affected by proposed program eliminations; placing certain conditions on